

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 6, 2022
9:00 AM PST

Day 1 (Thursday): South to southwest winds will gust 40-55 mph across the higher elevations of far northern California and the high Sierra later tonight, resulting in some areas of blowing or drifting snow

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

01/06/22 - 01/12/22

Thursday - Wednesday

- Areas of dense fog will be noted over parts of the Sacramento Valley and coastal areas through late Thursday morning, with additional periods of overnight and morning dense fog expected across the mountain valleys and coastal areas through the weekend
- The last in a series of storms will bring one more round of light to moderate precipitation to the northern half of the state Thursday night and Friday
 - Snow levels will initially be above pass level but will drop to between 4,500 and 6,000 feet across northern California on Friday, with some impacts to travel possible at times due to snow and blowing snow as well. Snowfall amounts of 2 to 5 inches are expected above 6,000 feet, with locally higher amounts up to 10 inches over the higher elevations of far northern California.
 - South to southwest winds will gust 40 to 55 mph across far northern California and the higher Sierra later tonight through Friday afternoon, with some damage to tree limbs and power lines possible. Areas of blowing snow are also expected over the higher terrain, bringing reduced visibility at times and impacting travel.
 - Rainfall amounts for most lower elevation locations will be light, averaging less than one-quarter inch. Locally heavier amounts are expected across far northwest California where 1 to 2 inches of rain are forecast. No widespread impacts from this rain are expected.
- Dry and tranquil weather will make a return for most of the state into the weekend and first half of next week, with just a few light showers possible at times closer to the coast after Monday



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

01/06/22 - 01/12/22

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Coastal/ Inland	Coastal/ Inland					
Snow		Inland					
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)		Coastal					
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding/ Debris Flow							
Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



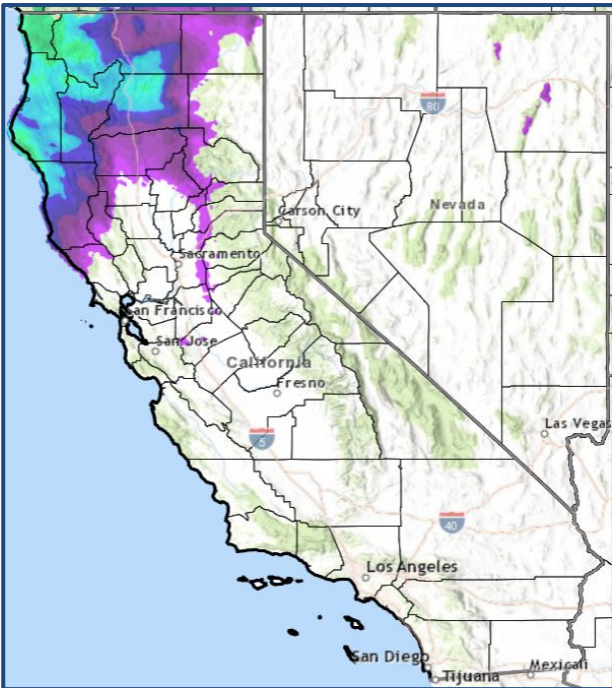
Moderate Impacts



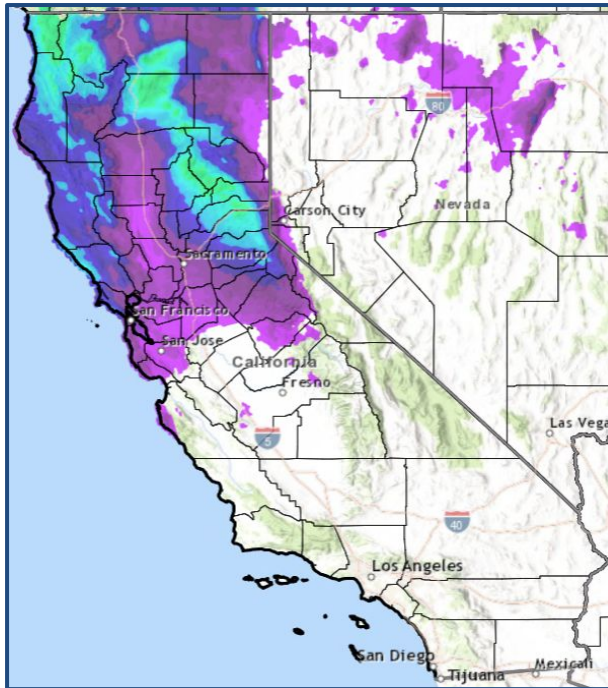
Severe Impacts

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

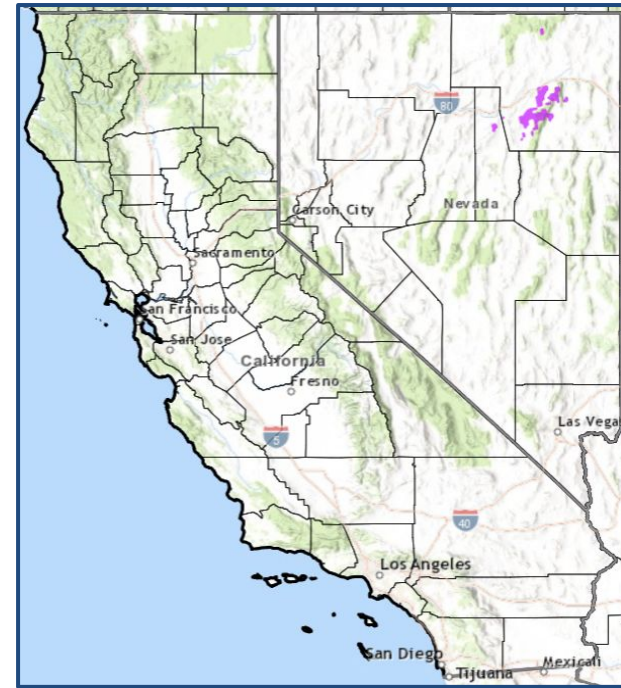
01/06/22 - 01/08/22



Thursday



Friday



Saturday

Note: Forecast precipitation amounts are an average for any particular location. Thunderstorms may produce locally higher rainfall amounts.

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

01/11/22 - 01/19/22

6-10 Day Outlook (January 11 – January 15)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are favored statewide

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation is favored statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (January 13 – January 19)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are favored to persist statewide

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation is again favored statewide



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